aid. "You will find her in the roall. alking up and down in front of the

Almost with a bound he swept by me, d descended the stairway at two or ree long strides. As the door swung en, I saw besides Green and Hamond, the landlord and Judge Lyman needed not the loose cards on the hle near which the latter were sitting tell me of their business in that As quickly as seemed decorous, I fo wed Hammond. On the porch I met m, coming in from the road. "You have deceived me, sir," said he

ernly-almost menacingly. "No, sir!" I replied. "What I told ou was but too true. Look! The

The young man sprung around an ood before the woman, a few pac's

"Mother! oh, mother! what has ought you here?" he exclaimed, in an oved away. he spoke-not roughly, roachfulness—and an unmistakable inderness.

"Oh, Willy! Willy!" I heard her "Somebody said you can'e ere at night, and I couldn't rest. Oh, ar. They'll murder you! I know ev will. Don't, oh!-

My ears took in the sense no further, vears. A few moments, and they ere out of sight.

Nearly two hours afterward, as I was cending to my chamber a man brushquickly by me. I glanced after him, grow. nd recognized the person of young ammond. He was going to the room Harvey Green!

NIGHT THE SEVENTH.

SOWING THE WIND.

The state of affairs at Cedarville, it as plain, from the partial glimpses had receiveu, was rather desperate. esperate, I mean, as regarded the vaous parties brought before my obser-An eating cancer was on the mmunity, and so far as the eye could ark its destructive progress, the rayges were fearful. That its roots were triking deep, and penetrating, conled from view, in many unsuspected there could be no doub den, more vital, and more

I could not but feel a strong interest oung Hammond had, from the first, pearance of his mother on the stage n a state that seemed one of partial erangement. The gentleman at whose ffice I met Mr. Harrison on the day efore-the reader will remember Mr. Sheaf" in search of his son-was thorughly conversant with the affairs of the village, and I called upon him early the day in order to make some instion, as to whether he knew the y, was answered by the remark: Oh, yes. She is one of my earliest

The allusion to her did not seem to awaken agreeable states of mind. A slight shade obscured his face, and I noticed that he sighed involuntarily. "Iz Willy her only child?"

"Her only living child. She had our; another son; and two daughters; at she lost all but Willy when they fere quite young. And," he added, after a pause, "it would have been better for her, and for Willy, too, if he had gone to the better land with them." "His course of life must be to her a

terrible affliction," said I. "It is destroying her reason," he replied, with emphasis. "He was her nore self-devotion than Mrs. Ham-nord loved her beautiful, fine-spirited, tal she was proud of him, is but a me expression. Intense love—almost olatry—was the strong passion of her was scarcely separated from her. In ormer thoughts to the suggestion and mactive and interested in her societynd her success was perfect. Up to the ge of sixteen or seventeen, I do not hink he had a desire for other comanionship than that of his mother. but this, you know, could not last. The oy's maturing thought must go beand the home and social circle. The eat world that he was soon enter, was before him; and through pholes that opened here and there as beyond. To step forth into this orld, and to step forth alone, next me in the natural order of progres w his mother trembled with anx ly, as she saw him leave her side

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were magnified by her fears-at least n some of these parties. The case of so I often said to her. Alas! how far the sad reality has outrun her most fearful anticipations.

"When Willy was eighteen-he was then reading law-I think I never saw a young man of fairer promise. As I have often heard it remarked of him, he did not appear to have a single fault. But he had a dangerous gift-rare conversational powers, united with great urbanity of manner. Every one who made his acquaintance became charmeu with his society; and ne soon found himself surrounded by a circle of young niries about Mrs. Hammond. My first men, some of whom were not the best companions he might have chosen Still, his own pure instincts and honorable principles were his safeguard; and never have believed that any social allurements would have drawn him away from the right path, if this accursed tavern had not been opened by

"There was a tavern here before the Sickle and Sheaf' was opened?" said I. "Ch, yes. But it was badly kept, and the bar room visitors were of the lowest class. No respectable young man in Cedarville would have been seen there. It offered no temptations to one moving in Willy's circle. But the opening of the 'Sickle and Sheaf' formed a new era. Judge Hammondhimself not the purest man in the world, I'm afraid-gave his countendol. No mother ever loved a son with ance to the establishment, and talked of Simon Slade as an enterprising man who ought to be encouraged. Judge Lyman and other men of position in Cedarville followed his bad example; Sheaf' was at once voted respectable. leart. How tender, how watchful was At all times of the day and evening from old her love! Except when at school, he you could see the flower of our young men going in and out, sitting in front Puritan Rye Whiskey er to keep him by her sides, she gave up of the bar room, or talking hand-and wheep him by her side, she gave up glove with the landlord, who, from a worthy miller, regarded as well enough wing of plans for keeping his mind in his place, was suddenly elevated into a man of importance, whom the best in the village were delighted to honor.

"In the beginning, Willy went with the tide, and, in an incredibly short period, was acquiring a fondness for drink that startled and alarmed his friends. In going in through Slade's open door, he entered the downward way, and has been moving onward with fleet footsteps ever since. The flery time that it dimmed his noble perecptions. Fondness for mere pleasure followed, and this led him to various sensual indulgences, and exciting modes of passing the time. Every one liked him —he was so free, so companionable and the dangers that would surround so generous—and almost every one encouraged, rather than repressed, his dangerous proclivities. Even his father, for a time, treated the matter lightly, as only the first flush of young life. I comenced sowing my wild oats at quite as early an age,' I have heard him say. 'He'll cool off, and do well enough. Never fear.' But his mother was in a state of painful alarm from the beginning. Her truer instincts, made doubly acute by her yearning love, perceived the imminent danger, and in all possible ways did she seek to lure him from the path in which he was moving at so rapid a pace. Willy was always very much attached to his mother, and her influence over him was strong; but in this case he regarded her fears as Made chimerical. The way in which he walked was, to him, so pleasant, and the has character and tone. Individuality companions of his journey so delight- is seen in every garment which leaves ful, that he could not believe in the our shop. The cut, the set and the finprophesied evil; and when his mother ish speak eloquently of the skilled talked to him in her warning voice, and with a sad countenance, he smiled at her concern, and made light of her

> "And so it went, month after month, and year after year, until the young man's sad declensions were the town talk. In order to throw his mind into a new channel—to awaken, if possible, a new and better interest in life-his

father ventured upon the doubtful ex- day, and the destroyer licensed to work periment we spoke of yesterday; that ruin in darkness? It is awful to conof placing capital in his hands, and template!" making him an equal partner in the business of distilling and cotton-spinning. The diastrous-I might say disgraceful—result you know. The young downward rushing force of a widely heavily embarrassed his father.

Powerful anodynes, frequently repeat-It is worse to see a blight ed, at length brought relief. But, when she awoke from a prolonged period of unconsciousness, the brightness of her reason was gone. Since then, she has was passing around her, and well for for even obscurity of intellenct is a get the heart-ache, when I think of

"Did not this event startle the young man from his fatal dream, if I may so

call his mad infatuation?" I asked. "No. He loved his mother, and was

drink," haid I. "What?"

the preceding night.

"I feared-nay, I was certain-that he was in the toils of this man! And yet your confirmation of the fact startles and confounds me," said he, moving about his office in a disturbed manner. "If my mind has questioned and doubted in regard to young Hammond, it questions and doubts no longer. The word 'mystery' is not now Great Father! and is it thus that our young men are led into temptation? Thus that their ruin is premeditated, secured? Thus that the fowler is permitted to spread his net in the open

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